

IRISH CITY IN FLAMES  
WHILE THOUSANDS  
FLEE MOB TERRORS

Four Policemen and a Soldier, Among Dead and Wholesale Arrests Are Made in County Clare Battle — Deportations Loom.

London, Sept. 22.—The police guard at Brixton Prison, where Terence MacSwiney, the lord mayor of Cork, has completed the forty-first day of his hunger strike, was increased tonight in preparation for eventualities. The prisoner rested better last night than for several nights and as a result the condition of prostration which endured practically all of yesterday was relieved.

By DENIS O'CONNELL.  
(By Universal Service.)  
Dublin, Sept. 22.—The town of Milton Malbay, County Clare, is reported in flames tonight with the British soldiers and police out of control. Inhabitants are fleeing to the east.

The soldiers and police clashed with civilians midway between Milton Malbay and Lechnich, and four police and one soldier were among the killed. Twenty-six civilians were arrested.

Havee Hits Balbriggan.  
The new sack comes just as Balbriggan, eighteen miles north of here, practically deserted, quieted down after two days of pillage, incendiarism, and bombing.

London, Sept. 22.—Wholesale deportations of the members of Sinn Féin, the most remote colonies of the British empire will follow the refusal by the south and west of Ireland to accept the government's home rule bill, according to the Evening Standard on the authority of a government official of the Irish administration.

Balbriggan Like Louvain.  
"Ireland's Louvain," was the description of the Manchester Guardian today of the shooting up, the burning and the bombing of Balbriggan, Ireland, by the "black and tans," the English recruits to the Royal Irish constabulary.

Finns' Dry Commissioner Gets First Taste of American Soft Drinks at White Ribbon Congress Exhibit Here

The prohibition commissioner of Finland, the only one in the world outside the United States, Dr. Matti Helenius-Seppala, of Helsinki, yesterday made his first acquaintance with grape juice and other celebrated American soft drink specialties at the exhibit held in the ballroom of the Raleigh Hotel in connection with the Fifteenth International Congress Against Alcoholism.

Dr. Seppala slipped away from the morning session of the Congress at the Pan American Union and in company with Senator Alexis Bjorkman of Stockholm, Sweden, spent several hours talking with representatives of the soft drink industries at the unique "Green Tree Inn" which forms the commercial section of the exhibit.

"The enterprise and foresight of your American business men is remarkable," he said between sips. "We have nothing to compare in Europe with the soft drink industry which has been quietly built up in America and was all ready to take full advantage of the coming of prohibition. If we had anything like these drinks the question of prohibition in Europe would be a

"CHILI BEAN"

Is a popular Columbia record. You will learn how it ranks in popularity in this city by reading the list of the ten best-selling Columbia records for September which will appear on the Music Page of

SUNDAY'S HERALD

New Bill Would Jail Landlords Who Bar Kiddies

Albany, N. Y., Sept. 22.—Jail for not less than six months nor more than two years will be the penalty for landlords who refuse to rent apartments to people having children under terms of a bill introduced in the assembly today by Assemblyman O. J. Smith, of New York.

DRY CANDIDATE OFFERS TO QUIT

Watkins to Withdraw If Harding or Cox Will Declare Prohibition.

(By Universal Service.)  
If either Senator Harding or Gov. Cox definitely declares himself for prohibition and announces he will veto any bill to repeal national prohibition, Dr. Aaron Watkins, of Ohio, prohibition candidate for President, will withdraw from the Presidential race.

Watkins made this statement yesterday in answer to Dr. P. A. Baker, general superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, before the fifteenth annual Conference Against Alcoholism, adding that votes given to prohibition party candidates for Congress might defeat prohibition supporters running on either the Democratic or Republican tickets.

"I will withdraw from the race," Dr. Watkins declared, "if either of the candidates of the two major parties declares without equivocation for prohibition and announces he will veto any bill to repeal national prohibition."

DR. MAQUIRE TO SPEAK AT ST. JOHN'S OPENING

Dr. Constantine Maquire, secretary of the International High Commission, will be one of the speakers at the opening exercises of the new High School of Commerce and Finance of St. John's College, to be held tonight in the Dewey Hotel.

The executive committee of the school, meeting at the college last night, completed all arrangements. Other speakers will be Dr. Abram Simon, president of the Board of Education; Bro. D. Edward, president of the college, and G. F. Nichols, assistant director of commercial education of the Federal Board of Vocational Education.

Poland and Lithuania Break Terms; Reds Too  
Poland and Lithuania have broken their peace negotiations and fighting has been resumed between the two countries despite intervention of the league of nations, the State Department was advised yesterday.

Poland demanded Lithuanian forces withdraw back of the peace conference boundary. Lithuania agreed but insisted the Polish forces withdraw at another point which would give the Bolsheviks an advantage, according to the advices. Poland refused.

A violation by soviet Russia of an agreement entered into with Armenia, within twenty-four hours after its conclusion, was reported to the State Department.

INFLUENZA REAPPEARS IN VIRGINIA TOWN

Danville, Va., Sept. 22.—Several mild cases of Spanish influenza have been reported by practicing physicians to the city health officer, it became known today.

Dr. R. W. Garnett said that owing to the symptoms, it had been thought worth while warning the public no epidemic is feared.

EIGHT BATTLE OVER BABY IN KIDNAPING PLOT

Mother Charges Father, Living in Capital, Is Responsible.

SNATCHED FROM NURSE

Girl, Her Companion, and Three Male Rescuers Bound and Gagged.

Gagging and binding two women and beating three men who rushed to their rescue, three unidentified men snatched baby Robert Lee Cox, thirteen months old, of Washington, D. C., from the arms of its nurse, and after throwing the five bound persons into the tonneau of their big touring car, kidnapped the baby in the heart of Petersburg, Va., Tuesday afternoon.

Robert Lee Cox, of 412 Sixth street northwest, former army lieutenant, later employed at the Washington Barracks, and father of the child, is being sought by the Washington police this morning suspected of having some knowledge of the kidnapping of his own child.

Baby Stolen in Park.  
The infant son of Mrs. Cox was snatched from the arms of his 18-year-old nurse while, in Central Park in the heart of Petersburg, driving to the park in a high-powered machine, three men, one of whom is described as well dressed, rushed to the nurse of the baby and asked for the child. When the nurse refused, two of the men seized her and the third snatched the baby. Esther Persall, the nurse, and a colored girl companion, were gagged and placed in the car. Three men who rushed to the assistance of the girls were knocked down and also gagged and placed in the car. All were then rushed to a woods three miles from Petersburg, where they were left.

Mother Accuses Husband.  
Mrs. Cox, who is prostrated with grief, declared to Petersburg police she believed the child was kidnapped by her husband. A warrant was sworn out for his arrest.

Cox left Washington ten days ago, saying he was going to Dallas, Texas, to study law. Prior to that time he was employed as a clerk in the Washington Barracks.

Separated Last January.  
Cox and his wife separated in January, it is said. He came to Washington and has resided here since. The couple were married two and one-half years ago. Mrs. Cox alleges Cox has attempted on previous occasions to steal the baby.

Message of inquiry have been sent to Georgia.

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New York Suffrage Leader Confers Here



MRS. O. H. P. BELMONT.

Of New York City, suffrage leader, who is in Washington for conference with Miss Alice Paul and other members of the national executive committee of the National Woman's party.

TRAIN WRECKED COX UNINJURED

Split Rail Causes Derailing Of Governor's Special In Arizona.

(By Universal Service.)  
Phoenix, Ariz., Sept. 22.—Gov. James M. Cox's special train was wrecked one mile north of Peoria, Ariz., at 4:30 this afternoon.

The Governor's car did not leave the tracks and he was not injured, although badly shaken up.

One engine, a tender and three cars left the track. The engine was demolished and Engineer Nichols severely injured. Fireman Cross escaped by jumping. One of the Pullman cars of the newspaperman and the car of the Arizona delegation left the track. All of the occupants of these cars were forced to crawl out of windows. The baggage car was smashed and the track was torn up for 300 yards.

A split rail is believed to have caused the wreck. The train was traveling on the Santa Fe from Phoenix to Prescott and was drawn by two engines.

POLAND AND RUSSIA OPEN PEACE CONFAB

The State Department was informed that the peace conference between Poland and Russia was formally opened at Riga yesterday. An address was delivered by Mr. Dombrowski, leader of the Polish delegation, to which reply was made by Adolph Abramowicz on behalf of Russia.

Abramowicz was Lenin's first representative in Germany and took part in the celebrated Brest-Litovsk conference.

DETROIT BANK BANDITS ESCAPE WITH \$30,000

Detroit, Sept. 22.—Four armed men entered the branch of the First State Bank at 11 o'clock today, held up three employees and a customer, and in three minutes escaped with \$30,000.

MD. BODY ADJOURNS; NO SUFFRAGE ACTION

Annapolis, Md., Sept. 22.—The extra session of the legislature adjourned sine die without considering the suffrage amendment. It merely acted on matters specified in the governor's call.

"Regarding Personality" Is the Title of Dorothy Dix's Article in Friday's Washington Herald.

It's Dorothy's idea that Personality and Efficiency can be linked together in the make-up of the Business Woman. Before you argue the question, Read The Herald.

MRS. BELMONT PLANNING NEW WOMAN'S PARTY

Urges Sex to Desert Both Old Organizations and Fight for Selves.

SEES FEMALE CABINET

Doesn't Want Sex War, But Says Ladies Can Do More Alone.

Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont, of New York, arrived in Washington last night, and shortly thereafter declared that women will use their new power obtained through the ballot to wrest a fair share of "control of life in its every aspect from men."

"There is not the slightest chance of women joining forces to any great extent with either the Democratic or Republican parties," declared Mrs. Belmont. "It would take 100 years to make any improvement on either."

"The National Woman's party will preserve its organization intact, and by controlling its strength will undoubtedly become the dominant factor at the next national election."

Sees Women in Cabinet.  
"We shall have women judges, lawyers, members of Congress, and possibly members of the Cabinet. We would have had such official representation in time anyway, but it will come rapidly now."

"Women voters see no hope in the thoroughly corrupt old political organizations. The nominations of machine men were cut and dried selection. They are pledged to go through the old reactionary program and give as little as possible to the new forces now sweeping the world and demanding a fair share in life."

Plans International Alliance.  
"Women voters will stand for an international alliance, a rapprochement, among the enfranchised women of all nations to prevent war and to uphold the welfare of women and children in all lands. We will work primarily for these great ends of social justice in our own country."

"If men are wise they will not oppose women in their determination to get what I may call control of life, especially control and intelligent direction of their own lives."

"Please don't think that I have in mind any sex antagonism but I firmly believe that there should be a separate woman's political party with its own policies and candidates."

Expected to Be Misunderstood.  
"Of course I shall be misunderstood," she explained, as she sat in her flower bedecked salon at the Willard. "Unthinking people will jump to the conclusion that I am aiming to pit women against men. That is not my idea at all. But it would take 100 years to get anywhere working in the old parties, whereas, if we have courage and strength to form a woman's party, we shall see results far more quickly."

Mrs. Belmont is here to confer with Miss Alice Paul, chairman of the National Woman's Party, declared she had received countless letters supporting her opinion.

"This is no sex war, no sex antagonism," she repeated over and over again. "There are many men who believe as I do. Thousands, hundreds of thousands of men in this country have become disgusted with politics as they are run by the existing political parties."

Japanese Girl Suicide.  
Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 22.—Authorities today were attempting to obtain identification of a Japanese girl who plunged 100 feet from a viaduct to her death on the Burlington tracks.

WALL STREET AID CHARGED TO DEMOCRATS WHO PLEAD "BANKRUPT" FUND AT PROBE

Phew! 7,000 Barrels Kentucky Whisky Go Up in Flames

Lawrenceburg, Ky., Sept. 22.—Seven thousand—count 'em—barrels of whisky, real Kentucky rye, went up in flames today. The whisky, which is valued at \$4,000,000, was destroyed when fire wiped out the Cedar Brook warehouse, near here.

The origin of the fire is unknown. All efforts to get it under control were unavailing.

Republican Leader Attacks Governor Cox's \$30,000,000 "Slush" Budget Allegation As "Barroom Politics" and "Pure Bunk."

Lively Tilts on Campaign Methods at Senate Committee Hearing.

(Public Ledger Service.)  
Despite the invitation of James W. Gerard, formerly Ambassador to Germany and now chairman of the finance committee of the Democratic party, that he would not spurn gifts of any size to be used for the election of James M. Cox, there has not been any great influx of cash to the Democratic straggle, according to the testimony given by Gerard before the Senate committee investigating campaign expenditures, which resumed its sessions here yesterday.

Democrats Plead Poverty.  
Unless, as was suggested by Senator W. S. Kenyon, chairman of the committee, the Democratic purse strings are loosened after the committee adjourns, there will not be sufficient money to pay off the obligations that the Democrats anticipate making.

Talks of Democratic poverty abounded at yesterday's session. Gerard testified that only \$128,221 had been raised, and evidence was introduced to show that Senator Pat Harrison, of Mississippi, instead of circulating George Creel's book, "The War, the World and Wilson," at the expense of the national committee, as he said that he would like to do, had been forced to offer only what assistance he could to the former confidant of the President in urging all Democratic adherents to read the book.

Outstanding developments of the hearing were the admissions that the films and Creel's book were being used as part of the Democratic campaign and the testimony of Messrs. Lee and J. J. Shuart and Walter Hast, manager for Evelyn Nesbit, at the Shubert-Garlick theater next week, when Miss Nesbit's first stage starring vehicle, "The Open Book" will be presented for the first time. Two tickets will be awarded to each of those whose names are on the honor roll.

Show Keen Interest.  
Traffic officers in all parts of the city are reporting to Capt. Headley that motorists, known and unknown to them, are requesting that their names be placed on "The Herald's" roll of honor. Capt. Headley stated he had been approached on the subject several times by prominent Washingtonians who have caught the spirit of the contest.

The fortunate fifty will be chosen through actual instances of carefulness on the streets, the officers marking down the license numbers directly after witnessing an incident of this kind.

Need and Thompson Clash.  
Official statement of Thompson aroused the ire of Senator James A. Reed of Missouri. "What is demanded to know specific instances of Gov. Cox had speculated in Wall Street and Thompson said that he was unable to give such proof, but that he knew of no such thing. Reed, a very rich man and that a few of the men associated with the inner councils of the Democratic party, instead of being on the verge of poverty, could by their own contributions finance the Democratic campaign. He also testified that the men associated with Gerard on his finance committee were of greater wealth and more typical of not a few of the Democratic Republic ways and means committee.

Glances into the testimony, however, showed that the Democrats cannot be accused of liberality in any measure. Newton D. Baker, secretary of war, and for the past four years the holder of a \$12,000 place in the administration, contributed \$50 to the Democratic cause. Franklin D. Roosevelt, candidate for the vice presidency, in return for the payment of his expenses by the national committee, has promised to contribute \$5,000.

William Barnes, publisher of the Albany Journal, questioned as to the book published by his company, "Republicanism in 1920," informed the committee that it was a newspaper publication. The committee did not appear to be satisfied. Barnes was detained until today in order to get photographic copies from the public printer.

Believes \$2,000,000 Enough.  
Senator Kenyon questioned Gerard as to the amount that he thought should be properly spent. He declared that \$2,000,000 would be ample for all legitimate purposes.

Gerard submitted the books of his committee, which covered receipts since the convention, and names of the following contributors were read by members of the committee: Bernard M. Baruch, \$2,000; C. B. Alexander, \$2,000; E. L. Bower, \$5,000; August Belmont, \$5,000; Joseph E. Willard, \$5,000.

Gerard said that he had made it a rule not to ask any office holders for money. The list of contributors of the Democratic leaders, he included \$275,000 for publicity and advertising; \$100,000 for the Cox special train; \$100,000 for the expenses of the speakers' bureau, and \$10,000 used by Mr. Roosevelt so far for his expenses.

Senator Kenyon then questioned Gerard about the circulation of the book, "Uncle Sam of Freedom Ridge," alleged as propaganda for the league of nations. Gerard said he knew nothing of this and did not

PRICE CUTTING RESULT OF FORD ACTION, SEEN

Chicago, Sept. 22.—When Henry Ford cut the price of his cars Tuesday he started a ball rolling that will affect practically all industries in the opinion of Chicago business men. Bankers and merchants agree that all high prices are due to skid with automobiles but more gradually.

George H. Reynolds, president of the Continental and Commercial National Bank, holds that high prices did not result so much from high wages as from the difference in foreign exchange which has kept American industry from participating in world trade.

Traffic Police Say Motorists Use Greater Care as Interest Quickens in Herald Safety Idea

Washington automobile drivers are becoming more careful, especially in the downtown sections, where traffic congestion is responsible for many accidents. Any traffic officer will corroborate this statement.

On further questioning, the officer will tell you that The Washington Herald's careful-auto-driving contest merits the greater share of the credit for this praiseworthy change in traffic conditions.

One of the traffic officers acting as judges in this week's contest, said last night: "In recent weeks, I noticed that automobile drivers are using common sense and carefulness at street crossings. Conditions in the business district were never so good as now, as far as automobiles are concerned. People all over the city are talking about The Herald's plan and taking great interest in it. Motorists who know me are using every means possible to have their names put on The Herald's roll of honor of careful motorists. It certainly is an effective idea."

Game Is Explained.  
The idea is simply this: Four traffic officers, selected by Capt. Albert J. Headley of the traffic squad, are watching automobiles whose drivers are careful on the streets. The officers began their vigil yesterday. The contest will close Saturday night.

The traffic officers note license numbers of fifty carefully driven automobiles. The numbers will be compared with the license records at the District building.

16-Cent Milk in Capital Despite Producers' "Clique" Is Promise Of Lawyer for Local Dealers

Milk during the winter months at 16 cents a quart is in store for Washington despite the Federation of Citizens Associations' prediction of an 18-cent price, according to a statement last night by Matthew E. O'Brien, attorney for twelve local dealers conducting a fight against the milk producers' associations of Maryland and Virginia.

According to the attorney there are about 250 dealers in the two States who have organized in an effort to raise the price of milk under the title of the Maryland and Virginia Milk Producers' Association.

"These men," said O'Brien, "at first hoped to get 50 cents a gallon and are now content with 44 cents a gallon as stated, making the retail price 18 cents, but we are not going to stop there. There are 1,200 other producers who can supply milk to Washington and we are going to get it and plenty of it."

"There is no market for milk at high prices now and these farmers simply are making an effort to keep up the prices. The condensed milk factories are not taking it and they cannot possibly use all they produce."

"These men will give us milk at 40 cents a gallon which will make possible the retail price of 16 cents. Whatever Maryland and Virginia milk producers could not supply, my clients would be able to get from producers in other States."

Attorney O'Brien already has complained to the Department of Justice about the alleged profiteering effort of the Milk Producers' Association and is awaiting word of the result of the Department's investigation of the organization's methods in filing contracts.

ALVORD WILL SUCCEED THELAN ON RAIL JOB

E. M. Alvord, assistant to John Barton Payne, director-general of railroads, was yesterday appointed director of the division of liquidation claims to succeed Max Thelan, who recently resigned to return to law practice in California.

Thelan, it is stated, was recommended by Walter D. Hines, former director-general, but that further consideration of his appointment was immediately dropped when it became known that he was a personal friend of Senator Hiram W. Johnson. Thelan was a former member of the California railways commission and during the war was assistant to Gen. George W. Goethals in the purchasing branch.

CONFESSIONS OF A HUMORIST

THERE was a painless stage of incubation that lasted twenty-five years and then it broke out on me and people said I was it. But they called it humor instead of measles.

The employees in the store bought a silver inkstand for the senior partner on his fiftieth birthday. We crowded into his private office to present it.

I had been selected as spokesman, and I made a little speech that I had been preparing for a week.

It made a hit. It was full of puns and epigrams and funny twists that brought down the house—which was a very solid one in the wholesale hardware line. Old Marlowe himself actually grinned and the employees took their cue and roared.

My reputation as a humorist dates from half-past nine that morning.

For weeks afterward my fellow clerks fanned the flame of my self-esteem. One by one they came to me, saying what an awfully clever speech that was, old man, and carefully explained to me the point of each one of my jokes.

Gradually I found that I was expected to keep it up. Others

I became a Harpy, a Moloch, a Jonah, a vampire to my acquaintances.

Several of the editors had written to request further contributions.

One day I received a letter from the editor of a famous weekly publication. He suggested that I submit to him a humorous composition to fill a column of space, hinting that he could make it a regular feature of each issue if the work proved satisfactory. I did so and at the end of two weeks he offered to make a contract with me for a year at a figure that was considerably higher than the sum paid me by the hardware firm.

I was filled with delight. My wife already crowned me in her mind with the imperishable evergreens of literary success. We had lobster croquettes and a bottle of blackberry wine for supper that night. Here was the chance to liberate myself from drudgery. I talked over the matter very seriously with Louise. We agreed that I must resign my place at the store and devote myself to humor.

I resigned. My fellow clerks gave me a farewell banquet. The speech I made there was so good it was printed in full by the Gazette. The next morning I awoke and looked at the clock.

"Late, by George!" I exclaimed, and grabbed for my clothes. Louise reminded me that I was no longer a slave to hardware and contractors' supplies. I was now a professional humorist.

After breakfast she proudly led me to the little room off the kitchen. Dear girl! There was my table and chair, writing pad, ink, and pipe tray. And all the store's trappings—the celery stand full of fresh roses and honeysuckle, last year's calendar on the wall, the dictionary, and a little bag of chocolates to nibble between inspirations. Dear girl!

I set me to work. The wall paper I patterned with arabesque or—odalisks—or—perhaps—it was trapezoids. When one of the figures fixed my eyes. I belabored me of humor.

A voice startled me—Louise's voice.

"If you aren't too busy, dear," it said, "come to dinner."

I looked at my watch. Yes, five hours had been gathered in by the grim scytheman. I went to dinner.

"You mustn't work too hard at first," said Louise. "Goethe—or was it Napoleon?—said five hours a day is enough for mental labor. Couldn't you take me and the children to the woods this afternoon?"

"I am a little tired," I admitted.

By O. HENRY

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